MEETING MINUTES 05 MAY 2021

Prior to the meeting, the Pledge of Allegiance was said, and Mike Mains offered the invocation.

The meeting opened with Roll Call at 7:31pm.
Council met in regular session with Mayor Bill Neyer presiding. Members present included: Mr. Ethan Dole, Mr. Anthony Egner, Mr. Ryan Grubbs, Mr. Matt Hackworth, Mr. Mike Mains, Mr. Ryan Samuels and Mrs. Jean Wilson.

Mr. Dole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mains, to approve the Council Meeting minutes from April 20, 2021. **Roll Call: Hackworth, Wilson, Grubbs, Samuels, Dole, Mains – yea. Egner – abstain.**

Invited Guests & Visitors There were no Guests or Visitors

Business

Mr. Mains made a motion to enter into Executive Session after the reports to discuss an Economic Development issue. Mr. Samuels seconded. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Neyer reported the City will follow the State on relaxing COVID 19 restrictions. The Mayor and Shannon Hamons have met with several prospective developments in the City. The Mayor congratulated the primary winners.

Law Director Report Mr. Deters had no report.

Council - Committee Reports

Mrs. Wilson

Building and Lands Committee: The next meeting is March 30th at 6:30pm in Room 110.

<u>Veteran's Liaison:</u> The 'Wall That Heals' will be arriving in Harrison on June 8th from Versailles, Indiana. People are encouraged to line the streets to watch it arrive. The American Legion made a \$713.58 donation to the Mayor's Fund.

Mr. Egner

IT Committee: Mr. Egner reported the committee met this evening and discussed the finance utility software conversion. They are reviewing cyber security and will be updating the City's IT policy and setting procedures for use.

Mr. Grubbs

<u>Fire Committee</u>: Mr. Grubbs reported the next meeting is May 18th around 6:30.

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Mr. Samuels

Finance Committee: Mr. Samuels reported the committee met last week. Monthly financials were reviewed. The City has a good cash position. The Committee thinks the City will use the American Rescue Plan funds for water, waste water and recreation upgrades. The department is training for the software upgrade. They are advertising for the HR position. The City has decided to cover the remaining cost of the School Resource Officer utility vehicle for Southwest School Districts Central campus. The Police Department has received donations of over \$31,000 already. Concerning the Finance Departments audit issue all requests have been fulfilled and they are waiting on the independent auditor to review everything and reply. A change to the income tax credit system was discussed.

Mr. Dole

Streets, Storm Water and Utilities Committee: The Committee met this evening and Mr. Dole reported they are advertising for the May Drive project. It has been recommended to hold off on the Park Avenue project until next year because more grant money should be available. A representative from Drees Homes came and discussed a plan to build homes north of Trails of Whitewater. This will have to go to Planning Commission first. The Water Softening project is on track to start working March of 2022.

Planning Commission: Mr. Dole reported the next meeting is May 11th at 7:30 pm.

Mr. Mains

Economic Development: Mr. Mains reported the committee met this evening. Cincinnati Test Systems is expanding and should create 20-30 more jobs. The BZA approved a monument sign for the new Big Lots location. Planet Fitness should open May 15th. The Valley House Restaurant at 301 Harrison Avenue is expected to open in August. The owner is also looking at serving bar food at the location next to the Taproom. A barbeque restaurant is going in the old ice cream shop on Broadway. It is in the DORA. Glenmore Company on May Drive is moving. There are some prospects for their space. There was a ribbon cutting yesterday for Harrison Trail Health Campus.

OKI: Mr. Mains reported the next meeting is May 13th via Zoom.

Recreation Committee: Mr. Mains reported the next meeting is May 12th.

<u>Tree Board</u>: Mr. Mains reported they met on April 27th for the Arbor Day meeting. The Arbor Doctor spoke. The next meeting is May 25th.

Mr. Hackworth

<u>Law Committee:</u> The Committee met this evening and Mr. Hackworth reported they discussed the request for a Resolution opposing the Bond Road Rumpke Landfill. The Committee decided not to make any official recommendation against it. The golf cart ordinance was also discussed. The Police Chief is working hard to get everything ready for inspections but there aren't any exact details to report yet.

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There being no further business, Council entered into Executive Session.

The regular meeting reconvened after Executive Session, and being no further business Mr. Grubbs made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Dole seconded. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

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Risa Dole, Clerk